

DEATH TOLL IN STORM INCREASED

1,500 WORKING CLERKS BACK TO WORK AT ATLANTA

Clerical Force of N. C. & St. L. Road Still Out—Meeting of Railroad Officials Fails to Bring Settlement.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.—About 1,500 railroad clerks, employed on all roads entering Atlanta, except the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, returned to their desks this morning, after having been on strike since Friday and effectually tying up freight traffic in Atlanta and adjacent territory.

The return of the men was understood to be for the purpose of laying the foundation for a final settlement of the controversy between the clerks of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis and the N. C. & St. L. federal auditor of that road.

Another conference between A. L. Winchell, regional director of railroads, and T. J. Forrester, national president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and other officials, was arranged for today, at which it was expected a definite basis for settlement of the clerks' strike would be reached.

WINCHELL CONFERS WITH ASSOCIATES AT ATLANTA

ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.—Several conferences were held here Sunday between representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and railroad officials. No indication had come from the meetings up to a late hour Sunday night, however, that a settlement of the differences was in sight.

R. L. Winchell, regional director of railroads; S. J. Forrester, national president of the clerks' organization; H. Murray, chairman of the general executive committee of the clerks' union, and C. P. Jackson, chairman of the system adjustment board of the brotherhood, were in session late Sunday afternoon, but nothing definite was arranged, according to information obtainable after the meetings.

Further conferences were held Sunday in an effort to reach an early settlement, but no word had come from these sessions late tonight.

It was said that 200 clerks are said to be on strike between Memphis and Atlanta on the lines of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, Western Atlantic, Tennessee Central, the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic, and in the other offices of all lines entering Atlanta.

The striking clerks still demand the return of the N. C. & St. L. federal auditor of the N. C. & St. L. on the ground that he has used his efforts to the detriment of the brotherhood. On the other hand, the railroad officials state that the strike was illegal and that the clerks should have submitted their grievances to the railroad administration instead of going on strike.

DR. R. B. MAURY'S DEAD AT HIS HOME

Prominent Physician Dies of Heart Trouble at Age of 85 Years.

Dr. Robert B. Maury, aged 85, one of the most prominent physicians of Memphis, and a long-time resident of the city, died at his home, 1666 North Parkway, Monday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock, after a long illness.

Following an illness of one month, heart trouble is ascribed as the immediate cause of his death.

He was for many years the day Dr. Maury was taken sick, and since then had been confined to his home. His illness was pronounced, from which he had practically recovered when his weakened condition brought on an aggravated case of heart trouble, which came rather unexpectedly to his family, and as a distinct shock to his friends.

Dr. Maury for many years had a professional standing second to none in the city. His home was on Beale avenue at Driver street, and his practice was among the best people in all parts of the city. He was a man of high character and of a fine personality. He was a member of the city club, and at the time of his death he was a member of the city club.

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WOMAN HIT BY AUTO; DRIVER OF CAR HELD

Run down by an automobile at Vance avenue and Lauderdale street Monday morning, Mrs. J. L. Cooper, 1943 Fleece place, suffered severe cuts on her face and bruises on the body. She was placed in an automobile passing at the time and taken to her home.

Jesse Atkins, negro, 31 years old, 221 South Second street, driver, was held Wednesday at the Shureham in connection with the case. He claimed to have been prevented from seeing Mrs. Cooper by a street car at the corner, while he was hurrying to the Grand Central station with a package. A man who witnessed the accident, accompanied the negro to the railroad station and then escorted him to the central police office where Atkins was held on a charge of reckless driving.

DISHELVED BEAUTY RESULTS FROM FIRE

Considerable made-to-order prettiness and freshly fixed coiffures, as well as much natural comeliness, were placed in jeopardy Saturday during the rush hours at the Perfektion Beauty parlors, 37 North Main street, when gaseous fumes ignited some rags. Screams of the customers mingled with those of the beauty attendants, resulted in several excitable telephone alarms being sent into fire headquarters. Within a few seconds, helmeted and booted firemen strode into the beauty parlor, armed with chemicals and wiped out the flames before damage to the shop had been done.

CAROLINA COTTON MILLS ON 55-HOUR WEEK BASIS

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 17.—Ninety per cent of the cotton mills in South Carolina today inaugurated a 55-hour working week under the terms of an agreement reached at a meeting of cotton mill operators at Spartanburg last month. The old schedule was 60 hours.

TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE

Consideration of the ordinance drafted to compel the Memphis Street Railway company to abandon its skip-stop schedules on all city car lines, was to come before the city commission Tuesday afternoon for another reading. The ordinance will be passed upon third reading.

LENTEN PROGRAM

The Rev. Charles T. Wright, rector of St. Ann's church, Nashville, will be the speaker at the noonday Lenten service being held under the auspices of the Clerical of Memphis, in Calvary parish house, for this week. The subject is "Lenten Program." The service will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and will be a Lenten program.

Takes Crowder's Job Temporarily

Brig-Gen. Edward A. Kregor, head of the branch of the judge-advocate-general's office at the grand headquarters of the A. S. F., has been named to act as judge-advocate-general in the absence of Gen. Crowder. The appointment has created much interest in view of the testimony which Gen. Crowder, S. T. Ansell, former acting judge-advocate-general, but now reduced to lieutenant-colonel, gave a senate committee.

CHINA PAYS FOR FIRING ON SHIP

Settlement Proposed by U. S. Accepted by Peking Government.

PEKING, March 17. (By the Associated Press).—The Chinese government has accepted the suggestions made by the American government in its note of March 5 for the settlement of the Monocacy incident.

The incident occurred January 17 of last year when the American gunboat Monocacy was steaming up the Yangtze River. On the 17th, the gunboat was fired upon by Chinese troops. The gunboat was damaged and several crew members were injured. The Chinese government has accepted the suggestions made by the American government in its note of March 5 for the settlement of the Monocacy incident.

AMERICAN ACE IS KILLED IN CRASH

SEABREEZE, Fla., March 17.—Major David McK. Petersen, one of America's officially recognized ace pilots, was killed yesterday in a crash landing on the beach near Daytona Beach, and Lieut. F. X. Paeris was seriously injured.

FORMER HUN CHIEF BEATEN TO DEATH

LONDON, March 17.—Gen. Count Sixtus von Armin, commander of the German army in Flanders during a large part of the war, was beaten to death by peasants at Aach, Bohemia, according to a Paris dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

TELEPHONE LINES SUFFER BUT LITTLE

The Cumberland Telephone company reported only two bad breaks in their lines in the city. Officials of the company estimated that about 500 phones were put out of commission temporarily, many of which were repaired by noon and the company expected to have all lines working again by Monday night.

SOVIET PLANS CAUSE CHINA MUCH FEAR

PEKING, March 17. (By the Associated Press).—The Chinese government is alarmed over a report coming from Petrograd relative to the formation of a "United Front" organization, which has 60,000 members for the object of carrying on revolutionary propaganda and establishing soviet rule in China. Inquiries are being made by the authorities as to measures which will effectively check such activities.

FIX STARK PRICES

James E. Stark and R. L. Jordan, two Memphis members on the committee selected by the American Hardware Manufacturers' association to represent the hardware industry, met today for a conference with the Department of Commerce Industries board, which is endeavoring to fix prices for hardware.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BROWNVILLE, Tenn., March 17. (Sp.)—The students and teachers of the Haywood high school held a memorial service at the high school auditorium Saturday evening for the boys who lost their lives during the war. The stage was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers in an interesting and impressive program.

BELGIUM GETS LOAN

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Belgium was given another credit of \$2,410,000 today by treasury.

GENEROUS ADVANCEMENT

ALLEGES OFFICIALS GIVE

Average Per Capita When Figured Out Leaves Individual Hun Much Dissatisfied at Agreement.

BERLIN, March 17. (By the Associated Press).—Indications are that the average German is not enthusiastic over the amount of food he is likely to get under the provisioning agreement with the allies. Instead of the approximately 18 pounds of food per person, the long-desired arrangement he immediately began to figure out his share of the provisions under the terms of the document, an extended summary of which was published officially here, and such comment as is made reflects an undeniable feeling of disappointment at the quantity provided.

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HEAVY LIFE LOSS AMONG BLACKS ON FARMS FEARED

Three White Persons Reported Killed and Property Damage to Timber and Plantations Is Large.

Reports reaching Memphis Monday afternoon tended to increase the death toll resulting from storms and tornadoes in Mississippi. A belated report told of the probable killing of two white persons, a woman and a child, and the death of several negroes on plantations near Isola, which is near Belzoni. The report, which came from Jackson, Miss., said that negro tenant houses suffered greatly from the storm, and many were demolished. It is feared that the life loss among the negroes will be heavy in this section.

WAR BRIDES FROM "OVER THERE" HAPPY? WELL, LOOK AT HER SMILE

MRS. DORIS WINNER.

War brides of our overseas heroes have been arriving in groups on recent boats from France and England. And they are a happy lot, too. Mrs. Doris Winner, shown above, was one member of a group of 20 brides who arrived recently on the Plattburg from abroad. She came from London and will live in Detroit.

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THE WEATHER

Tennessee—Fair in west, rain in east, cooler. Tuesday fair and cooler.

Arkansas—Fair, cooler.

Alabama—Thunderstorms, cooler, fair and cooler Tuesday.

Kentucky—Fair in west, rain in east, cooler. Tuesday fair and cooler.

Louisiana—Fair, cooler.

Oklahoma—Fair, continued, cooler, warmer Tuesday in northwest.

East Texas—Fair, cooler in extreme east and southeast, light frost in north.

West Texas—Fair, probably frost, warmer Tuesday in panhandle.

North and South Carolina—Showers.

Georgia—Probably, thunderstorms and showers.

Florida—Local rains, except fair Tuesday in northwest.

Kansas—Fair, cooler in southeast, warmer Tuesday.

CORONER'S VERDICT IN KILLING IS INDEFINITE

Murdered by men not known to the jury, was in effect the verdict at the coroner's investigation as to the death of James Anderson, alias Jimmy Sticks, negro, killed by gunmen when they shot up a crowd of negroes on Beale avenue before dawn Friday.

Southern Bally Hit.

The Southern railway's tracks between Rossville and Moscow were under water and also the tracks in the Cypress creek district, about 13 miles west of Corinth. The company had a large force of workmen and materials at each end of the trouble, but at noon the water had not receded from over the tracks, so that repairs would be made. Nothing could be learned of the condition of the track between Rossville and Cypress, a distance of about 48 miles, but most of this track is on high land with danger probable only at the crossings of Spring and Porter's creeks. All trains, both inbound and outbound, on the Southern were cancelled Monday and no figure on any telephone man for a negro taxi line was riddled with bullets on Fourth street, when the two gunmen took up in their roadster and began shooting.